

House Study Bill 196 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BACON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the possession and use of a firearm while on
2 an electric scooter, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **724.33 Possession and use of a**
2 **firearm while on an electric scooter.**

3 1. For purposes of this section, "*electric scooter*" means
4 a device that is equipped with handlebars and an electric
5 motor, and that is solely powered by a rider or by an electric
6 motor capable of propelling the device without additional
7 propulsion supplied by the rider at a maximum speed on a paved
8 level surface of no more than twenty-four miles per hour, or
9 both. "*Electric scooter*" does not include an electric personal
10 assistive mobility device, a bicycle, or any vehicle including
11 any motor vehicle as those terms are defined in section 321.1.

12 2. a. A person shall not operate or ride an electric
13 scooter with a firearm in the person's possession unless the
14 firearm is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, except as
15 otherwise provided. However, a nonambulatory person may carry
16 an unloaded and uncased firearm while operating or riding an
17 electric scooter.

18 b. (1) A person may operate or ride an electric scooter
19 with a loaded firearm, whether concealed or not, without a
20 permit to carry weapons, if the person operates or rides on
21 land owned, possessed, or rented by the person and the person's
22 conduct is otherwise lawful.

23 (2) A person may operate or ride an electric scooter with
24 a loaded pistol or revolver, whether concealed or not, if the
25 person is operating or riding the electric scooter on land
26 that is not owned, possessed, or rented by the person, and the
27 person's conduct is otherwise lawful.

28 c. A person shall not discharge a firearm while on an
29 electric scooter, except that a nonambulatory person may
30 discharge a firearm from an electric scooter while lawfully
31 hunting if the person is not operating or riding a moving
32 electric scooter.

33 3. A person who violates this section is guilty of a simple
34 misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of one hundred
35 thirty-five dollars.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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4 This bill relates to the possession and use of a firearm
5 while on an electric scooter.

6 The bill defines "electric scooter" as a device that is
7 equipped with handlebars and an electric motor, and that is
8 solely powered by a rider or by an electric motor capable of
9 propelling the device without additional propulsion supplied
10 by the rider at a maximum speed on a paved level surface of no
11 more than 24 miles per hour, or both. "Electric scooter" does
12 not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, a
13 bicycle, or any vehicle including any motor vehicle as those
14 terms are defined in Code section 321.1.

15 The bill prohibits a person from operating or riding an
16 electric scooter with a firearm in the person's possession
17 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case,
18 except as provided by the bill when the person's conduct is
19 otherwise lawful. The bill prohibits a person from discharging
20 a firearm while on an electric scooter. The bill provides
21 that a nonambulatory person may carry an uncased and unloaded
22 firearm while operating or riding an electric scooter. The
23 bill further allows a nonambulatory hunter to discharge a
24 firearm from an electric scooter while lawfully hunting if the
25 person is not operating or riding a moving electric scooter.

26 A person who violates the bill is guilty of a simple
27 misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$135.